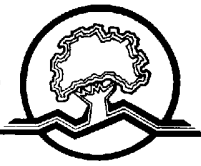


Attachment
SMMC Item 10(e)
June 23, 2008

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MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Los Angeles River Center and Gardens

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June 23, 2008

Mr. Ronald P. Schafer
Chairperson
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon
Malibu, California 90265

**Request for Grant Augmentation - Proposition 84 Funds
Vista Hermosa Watershed Restoration Park**

Dear Mr. Schafer:

The MRCA respectfully requests an augmentation to grant SMM-0752 in the amount of \$400,000 from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), for the Vista Hermosa Watershed Restoration Park.

The augmentation will fund additional capital improvements and visitor serving amenities for the park to meet an increased demand for active use areas and shaded gatherings. The improvements will further several of Proposition 84's policies, including 75003(e) and 75003.5. Please refer to the enclosed application for more information. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Barbara Romero at 323-221-9944, extension 188.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael D. Berger'.

Michael D. Berger
Chairperson

Attachments: Application

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
GRANT APPLICATION**

Project Name: Vista Hermosa Watershed Restoration Park	Amount of Request: \$ 400,000		
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority			
Applicant Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065 Phone: 323-221-9944 Fax: 323-221-9934	Project Address: 1200 West Colton St		
	County	Senate	Assembly
	Los Angeles	22	45
	Email: Barbara.Romero@mrca.ca.gov		

Grantee's Authorized Representative:	
Cara McLane, Contracts Officer	323-221-9944, x117
<i>Name and Title</i>	<i>Phone</i>

Person with day-to-day responsibility for project:	
Barbara Romero, Director of Urban Projects	323-221-9944, x188
<i>Name and Title</i>	<i>Phone</i>

Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum):
 Additional capital improvements and visitor serving amenities for Vista Hermosa Park

Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 84

Narrative/Project Description:
 At the July 9, 2007 Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) meeting, the SMMC Board authorized a grant of Proposition 84 funds to MRCA for Vista Hermosa Park to exercise additive alternates to the base bid for the Vista Hermosa Park and upgrade the landscaping.

Construction of the park is almost complete and the park will open for public use on July 19, 2008. MRCA staff have recently met with numerous local community groups to introduce them to the project. The project has been met with unqualified support and enthusiasm, and it is apparent that the demand for active use areas and shaded gatherings is higher than originally thought. To meet this demand, MRCA proposes to modify the planting, irrigation, and pathway design in several areas to allow for larger, better distributed, shaded and configured play and gathering areas that will not conflict with other uses and the more fragile native plant restoration areas. More large trees are necessary to achieve any shade in the short term.

To meet these objectives, the MRCA requests a grant augmentation to fund these capital improvements and visitor serving amenities. MRCA has a pending funding request with the City of Los Angeles for \$250,000. The improvements need to be approved now, both to meet the deadline of the scheduled park opening and to reduce impact on the general contractor's constricted schedule. Making the proposed modifications after the park has opened would impede public use this summer.

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:
1 Construction	\$ 400,000.00

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date